GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:174
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TAPI Pipeline Project
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

a) the details of Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India(TAPI) transnational gas pipeline project including its length, estimated cost, mode of finance along with present status of the TAPI gas pipeline;
b) whether the Government has any plan to put off the TAPI project in view of rising tension between India and Pakistan and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
c) whether the Government has signed an agreement/fresh talks with Turkmenistan and three other participating countries and if so, the details thereof;
d) the details of cost of the project along with quantum of fund borrowed by Turkmenistan from the Islamic Development Bank to finance the construction of a natural gas pipeline through Afghanistan to Pakistan and India; and
e) the efforts made by the Government to speed up these pipeline projects in a time-bound manner and quantum of oil and gas expected to be supplied/received in the country through the said pipeline projects?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)
(a) to (e) : A statement is laid on the table of the House.
STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO 174 BY SHRI DHARMENDRA YADAV AND SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL TO BE ANSWERED ON 28TH NOVEMBER 2016 REGARDING TAPI PIPELINE PROJECT
a) The Turkmenistan − Afghanistan − Pakistan (TAP) project was announced in May 2002. India joined the consortium in 2008. In 2014, the Pipeline Consortium, TAPI Pipeline Company Limited (TPCL) was incorporated. The Share Holders Agreement of TPCL was signed on 13th December 2015 with Turkmenistan 85%, India 5%, Pakistan 5% and Afghanistan 5% Shareholding. On the same day, the Ground Breaking ceremony to start the work on the Turkmen leg of TAPI pipeline was also held at Mary, Turkmenistan. The length of TAPI Pipeline project for Natural Gas supply from the Galkynysh fields in Turkmenistan to Fazilka in India is 1814 km. The estimated cost of the project is US $15 billion according to an ADB commissioned report. The mode of payment will be through 60:40 Debt Equity.
b) Presently, there is no proposal before the Government to put off TAPI project.
c) In April 2016, the four participating countries signed an Investment Agreement in Ashgabad.
d) The estimated cost of the project is US $15 billion. The Islamic Development Bank (IsDB), based in Saudi Arabia, has offered USD 500 million in loan to finance the TAPI gas pipeline project. An agreement to this effect was signed in early November, 2016.
e) TAPI Pipeline Company Limited (TPCL) is mandated to appoint a Project Monitoring Consultant (PMC) to conduct pre-FID activities, including Mine Clearance in Afghanistan, Detailed Route Survey, Front End Engineering Design (FEED), Environmental and Social Impact Assessment etc. The technical study of the TAPI project, done by Penspen, has estimated an overall project duration of 6Â¾ years from the start of the FEED process till handing over of the pipeline for commercial operation. India will receive 38 MMSCMD of natural gas for a period of 30 years from this pipeline.
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